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Sen. Toy and Rep. Pastor announce local Governor's Service Awards finalist

LANSING – Timothy Sullivan of Livonia has been selected as a finalist for the 2005 Governor's Service Awards Exemplary Volunteer Service Award, announced Sen. Laura Toy and Rep. John Pastor.

Sullivan leads the PBJ Outreach efforts in Detroit's Cass Corridor. The project has grown from feeding approximately 35 homeless people to meeting the needs of more than 250 every Saturday, including finding bicycles, bedding, furniture and other items. He also provides spiritual and job counseling as well as referrals for drug and alcohol rehabilitation, homeless shelters and medical needs.

"It is an honor and a pleasure to know someone so dedicated to making a difference in the world," said Toy, R-Livonia. "Tim is an amazing man who absolutely exemplifies the volunteer spirit in Michigan."

The Governor's Service Awards honor dedicated citizens who give of themselves through volunteer service. Sullivan is among more than 260 individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations nominated for the awards.

"Voluntarily helping those in need is both admired and respected, as well as being an important part of building a better community," said Pastor, R-Livonia. "Tim serves as a wonder role model for all of us to emulate."

The awards are organized by the Michigan Community Service Commission, a state agency that builds a culture of service to strengthen communities through volunteerism. The MCSC supports and manages programs such as Mentor Michigan, AmeriCorps, Learn and Serve, Michigan Volunteer Investment Grants, Michigan Citizen Corps, and Governor's Service Awards.

Sullivan will be honored at the Governor's Service Awards dinner Saturday, June 18, in Dearborn. To purchase tickets to attend the event or for more information about the Governor's Service Awards, visit www.michigan.gov/mcsc or call (517) 373-4200.